

## U.S. TAX COLLECTIONS DROP \$1,400,000,000

Revenue Bureau Makes  
Comparison With Fiscal  
Year of 1921.

30 PER CENT. SLUMP

Income and Profits Levies  
Show Decrease of More  
Than Third.

EXPENDITURES ON RISE

Costs \$1.07 to Collect Each  
\$100 as Against 72 Cents  
for Previous Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Federal tax collections during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922, fell off almost \$1,400,000,000, or 30 per cent., as compared with the previous year, according to the annual report of the Internal Revenue Bureau issued tonight by Commissioner Blair. Income and profits taxes collected during the year showed a decrease of \$1,411,000,000, or 35 per cent. Total tax collections for the year aggregated \$3,197,451,088, compared with \$4,595,357,061 for 1921, while income and profits taxes for 1922 amounted to \$2,086,918,464 against \$3,228,137,473 the previous year. Miscellaneous collections arising from taxation other than that on income and profits amounted to \$1,110,532,613 for 1922, a decrease of \$256,686,770, or 19 per cent. This slump, Mr. Blair declared, was accounted for mostly by the repeal or reduction in rates of various taxes provided for in the revenue act of 1921, effective January 1, 1922.

**Cost of Collection.**  
The net expenditure for collecting taxes for 1922 was \$34,286,661, which was equivalent to \$1.07 for each \$100 collected as compared with 72 cents for each \$100 the previous year.

"The difference in the relative cost of collection for the fiscal years 1921 and 1922," Mr. Blair said, "is due mainly to the large reduction in the revenues of 1922 incident to the shrinkage in business and incomes, the repeal of certain miscellaneous war taxes and various provisions of the law such as the amortization of war time facilities and the increase in individual exemptions contained in the revenue act of 1921, with the consequent reductions in the income tax liability of corporations and individuals."

Of the various revenues, tobacco and fermented liquor taxes only showed increases over 1921. Collections, other than income and profits taxes, for 1922 as compared with the preceding fiscal year were:

Distilled spirits, including wines, \$45,563,000, against \$32,544,000; fermented liquors, \$46,000, against \$25,000; tobacco manufactures, \$270,759,000, against \$255,219,000; oleomargarine, \$2,121,000, against \$2,886,000; capital stock tax, including other special taxes, \$90,644,000, against \$91,281,000; miscellaneous, including war excise taxes since 1917, \$688,881,000, against \$914,227,000, and sales of internal revenue stamps by postmasters, \$14,616,000, against \$20,580,000.

**Income Tax Returns.**  
Approximately 1,250,000 income tax returns are received in Washington annually, Mr. Blair reported. During the last fiscal year 984,231 income and excess profits returns were audited, of which 717,873 were individual and partnership returns and 266,358 were corporation returns. On audit, without

## WINTER RESORT FEATURES FILL NEW YORK'S HOTELS

Empty Rooms Unknown in the City's 284 Hostleries  
With Capacity of 110,000 Guests—Big Season Is Looked For.

Every hotel in New York has been filled for weeks, hotel men said yesterday. The demand for accommodations is the greatest since the peak days of the war. Reservations have been made for months ahead.

The manager of one of Fifth avenue's largest hostleries said he has not had an empty room for six weeks. He attributed this condition to the growing popularity of New York as a winter playground for visitors from the South and from Central and South America.

New York is now the premier winter resort of the world, it was said. According to the latest available statistics, it contains 284 hotels. This does not include lodging houses, apartment houses

that accommodate transient guests or boarding houses of any kind. The hotel capacity of the city is about 110,000—more than the population of Albany, Hartford or Trenton. New York's 284 hotels contain approximately 60,000 rooms, 20,000 baths and hundreds of restaurants, kitchens and service rooms. They employ more than 10,000 men and women.

Prohibition caused a temporary slump in hotel construction and necessitated a general increase in restaurant and room prices, hotel men said yesterday. About two years ago, however, there was a swing back to normal. Hotel rates now are not much higher in comparison to pre-war figures than any other commodity. Local hotel men are looking forward to the best season they have had since the winter of 1919-1920.

## FIVE ARE MURDERED AND HOME BURNED

Husband of Slain Woman Arrested, but Protests His Innocence.

Bristol, Tenn., Nov. 26.—James W. Smith, 56 years old, a grocer, his wife, their two-year-old daughter Ruby and their niece, Mrs. Deline Burchfield, and her son Charles, 13, were murdered here early this morning and the house in which they lived burned over their heads.

Ben Burchfield, 41, husband of the murdered woman, was arrested at Johnson City this afternoon and is being held in connection with the crime. He protests his innocence, but officers say his shirt and trousers were covered with blood when he was taken.

The crime was discovered early this morning, when the Fire Department was called to Smith's combination residence and grocery store. When the flames had been extinguished the charred bodies of the five were found in the ruins. They evidently had been beaten to death with an ax and the house set afire to hide the crime.

Burchfield and his wife had been separated and he is said to have made threats against her. Reconciliation, he went to them and said his wife was contemplating a divorce and he would rather see her dead than to have any one else have her.

Burchfield had been in Bristol about sixty days, coming here from North Carolina.

Officers are investigating reports that Smith sold a piece of property yesterday and was supposed to have had \$600. This money was not found. Burchfield had about \$30 when arrested.

## MAN KILLED BECAUSE HE SAYS HE IS A 'SCAB'

**Quarrels With Boss and Is Found Dead.**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 26.—Eber Vaughn, a railroad shop man, was killed here tonight because, police state, he said he was a "scab." The police are searching for Claude Matile, his boss, to whom Vaughn is said to have made this remark.

According to the police, Vaughn, in an argument, declared: "I'm a scab and don't care who knows it." Matile is said to have taken exception to the remark and in the fight that ensued Vaughn was killed.

This is the fourth murder in Springfield within ten days.

## MURPHY FINDS SEVEN SEEKING PRESIDENCY

Returns From Indiana  
With Knowledge Hearst  
Is One of Them.

HYLAN TIED TO EDITOR

John W. Davis, McAdoo, Cox, Al Smith, Ralston and Edwards in Race.

TARIFF AS MAIN ISSUE

Tammany Boss's Alliance  
With Taggart Continues—  
Patronage Not Adjusted.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, Ind., Nov. 26.—Charles F. Murphy is returning to New York with the knowledge that seven candidates already are in the field beginning their fight for the Democratic nomination for President in 1924.

Restored thoroughly by his two weeks on the links, the Tammany leader to-day ended the political conferences which have given him his first survey of the national situation.

The Tammany chief knows that William R. Hearst is one of the seven candidates and that Mayor Hylan is committed to that candidacy. This is the most unpleasant thing the boss has learned during his two weeks sojourn here. Little clouds have gathered on his political sky during his vacation.

Mayor Hylan's threat of a third party, his bold declaration that if Hearst is not nominated a split seems inevitable, portends much trouble for Tammany and its boss in the next two years. Mr. Murphy has given the Mayor no direct answer to the insistent demand, "What is Tammany going to do about Hearst in 1924?" He cannot remain silent long.

**Patronage Tied Up.**  
Distribution of city patronage available in the next few weeks, important projects to be worked out by the city and State administrations, the whole question of the relations between City Hall and the State capital now seem to be tied up with Hearst and the third party.

The old Hearst menace, a terror to Tammany on and off for years, has arisen again larger than ever.

Here are the candidates about whom Mr. Murphy has been hearing:

JOHN W. DAVIS of West Virginia, former Ambassador to England. He has the backing of strong forces in New York. Tammany does not look with much favor on him, as he stands for the League of Nations and is identified too closely with Wilson policies.

WILLIAM R. HEARST, self-appointed candidate, backed by Hylan in New York and leaders of considerable strength in many States. He seeks to bring together the progressives and radicals of every shade.

WILLIAM G. MCADOO, who is credited with a well organized force of enthusiastic workers in thirty odd States and has a big personal following and strong financial backing in

New York. He is too much of a Wilson man to suit Murphy.

JAMES W. COX of Ohio, who is seeking a second nomination with the support of his State. He will try to revive the League of Nations issue in some form.

ALFRED E. SMITH, New York's popular Governor, who has Tammany's support, is strong in many sections and who is in a good strategic position.

SAMUEL M. RALSTON of Indiana, Senator-elect and former Governor, whose candidacy has come to light in the last ten days. He looks like Grover Cleveland and may be used by middle West Democrats to head off Cox. Murphy has met him and likes him.

SENATOR-ELECT EDWARDS of New Jersey, who is seeking the nomination on a straight wet and dry issue as the champion of a more liberal liquor policy. He is regarded by Western Democrats as too wet.

There probably will be other favorite sons who will have their beams, but to date the list as recorded takes in those who have actually started in the race.

As for the issues, the almost unanimous sentiment of all leaders with whom Murphy has discussed the situation, is that the tariff will come first. Tammany will do its best to get some sort of moderate liquor plank into the next national platform. Al Smith will stand for a moderate tariff and a moderate liquor plank. While Mr. Murphy's conferences with Mayor Hylan dealing with the New York State situation have not been entirely satisfactory, his discussions with other State leaders are believed to have been quite pleasing.

The old alliance with Boss Tom Taggart, of Indiana, has not weakened. The combination which has held in many national conventions, is still holding. Taggart has his favorite son in Senator-elect Ralston, and Murphy has his own candidate in Al Smith. Tammany's pride. With those disposed of, the two powerful leaders will fall into their own combination.

Joe Guiffey, Democratic leader of Pennsylvania, has not weakened. The situation for the last two days with Murphy and Taggart.

"There is strong sentiment in Pennsylvania for John Davis, Cox and Al Smith," Mr. Guiffey said. "The feeling has not crystallized around any one man. We have no favorite son and will be for the strongest man."

The Tammany men left for New York this afternoon.

## WOMAN WITH LIQUOR TAKEN.

City Address Given by Motorist  
Arrested by Troopers.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The first bootlegging charge made against a woman in Dutchess county was preferred this afternoon by State troopers, who arrested a woman, giving her name as Miss Margaret Wolgast, of 489 St. Nicholas avenue, New York city, in a heavily laden automobile near Fishkill village, fourteen miles south of here. The woman and a companion, Edward Kelly of Plattsburg, were released in bail of \$5,000 each after arraignment on charges of illegal transportation of liquor. From the car were seized 275 bottles of alleged liquor.

At the St. Nicholas avenue address Miss Wolgast's name appeared on the bell, but no one was home. It was said that Miss Wolgast and three other young women occupied the apartment.

## TRUCK CRUSHES DRIVER.

NEWTON, Conn., Nov. 26.—George Taylor of Bebel was injured fatally today when a heavy motor truck he was driving ran wild down a hill on the Danbury road and crashed through a fence. His brother, who was riding beside him, was uninjured. The truck, loaded with wood, shot off the road and overturned. Taylor was crushed and died in the Danbury Hospital shortly after.

## FENCE RAIL PIERCES BODY.

MANCHESTER, Conn., Nov. 26.—Charles Leworski, 19 years old, of Buckland, was killed instantly tonight when his automobile crashed through a fence in Hillardville, near here, and plunged over an embankment. One of the fence rails which were through the front of the car pierced his body.

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